

12, 1995, the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER] is recognized during morning business for 5 minutes.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pain that I come to this House floor as the senior woman in this House to discuss what I watched yesterday in the press conference coming from Salt Lake City by our colleague. No, I am not here to talk about shedding tears. I have been one to shed tears. In fact, if Members of Congress had corporate sponsors like race car drivers do, my corporate sponsor would probably be Kleenex. But I am here to remind this body that shedding tears does not shed us of our responsibilities that we take when we assume this very solemn task of stewardship for the people in our district when they send us here to represent them.

I watched and was terribly troubled, because I think it is time we as Members of this body realize that when we get elected, we are the ones that get elected. Our spouses do not get elected. Our staffs do not get elected. If we choose to delegate some authority to our spouses or to our staffs, then we must stand and take the responsibility for that delegation. Because only our name is on that ballot, and that ballot is a very, very sacred act in the democracy. When you vote for a person, you are to get that person or that person's judgment, and that is all we have that holds representative government together.

So as I watched yesterday and I heard the many explanations, I was even further troubled by the explanation that, even though everybody knows none of us are allowed to receive more than \$1,000 to campaign with from either a spouse or a family member or a friend or anybody. No one is allowed to receive more than \$1,000. You can only spend more than that if it happens to be your own money.

And so hearing that, "Oh, well, I did it but, you see, you cannot give an election back, so on with the show."

Well, you may not be able to give an election back, but I must say you can step down. You can step down. If any American went out and procured items with illegally-gotten money and that was discovered, they would have to give it back. They would have to give it back. You can never undo what was wrong, but you try to make recompense.

I think we have these laws that we either honor or, if we are going to ignore them, find out about them later and say, "So be it," it does not work. It does not work.

Saying that you signed blank statements and you are very sorry that they filled them in, hey, let us see the average American be able to use that defense with the Internal Revenue Service: "I just signed a blank 1040. Someone filled it in, and I did not really mean to do it." That does not work. None of us are allowed to delegate our citizen responsibility, our representative responsibility, unless we are will-

ing to stand and take the consequences for it.

So I think in this society where there has been so much talk about people trying to become victims and "Because I am a victim, therefore I am not responsible," that does not work.

This great democracy only works if every one of us stands up and takes responsibility for what we undertook and takes responsibility for being the captain of our own ship and our own lives.

So it is with great pain that I say these things today, because obviously my colleague has been very hurt and been very hurt in love, which many people can be hurt. But that does not give people an excuse to walk away from their duties or to overlook all the different things that went on that should have been warning signals, and I do not think we should allow that to be used in this case, either.

So I hope all of us take that seriously, think about our responsibility seriously and wonder how in the world this democracy can ever work if we allow people to be able to shed tears and be able to shed responsibility, or claim victimhood and therefore shed responsibility.

Responsibility is not another layer of skin like a snake has, and you can just say, "Oops, I am out of there, I am someone new."

No, we must be held accountable for our acts. That is the very, very basis of this Government. And yesterday for me was a very sad day.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12, rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2:30 p.m.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. EWING) at 2 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER PRIVILEGED RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE EXPULSION OF REPRESENTATIVE WALTER R. TUCKER III, FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX of the House of Representatives, I hereby give notice of my intention to offer a resolution which raises a question of the privileges of the House. The form of the resolution is as follows:

A resolution providing for the expulsion of Representative Walter R. Tucker, III from the House. *Resolved*, That pursuant to article I, section 5, clause 2 of the United States Constitution, Representative Walter R.

Tucker, III, be, and he hereby is expelled, from the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will announce scheduling of that privileged resolution within 2 legislative days.

PRINTING OF PROCEEDINGS HAD DURING RECESS

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the proceedings had during the recess be printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain fifteen 1-minutes on each side.

SECRETARY OF ENERGY MISUSES PUBLIC FUNDS

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, more than a month ago I came to this floor and called upon President Clinton to dismiss the Secretary of Energy, Hazel O'Leary. I said that she should not remain in office for even 1 more day after we learned of her use of public funds to rank news reporters based on their treatment of her.

But, Mr. Speaker, while the White House condemned her conduct the President allowed Secretary O'Leary to remain and to continue spending public funds. Now we learn that she has soaked the taxpayers for millions more by living the high life on foreign junkets—while padding the payroll here at home.

Half a million dollars for a trip to Pakistan? Unbelievable. \$850,000 for a trip to China? That's an outrage. No wonder this administration has such difficulty swallowing a balanced budget and letting taxpayers keep more of their own money. Cabinet status ought not entitle one to take a perpetual five-star vacation at taxpayer expense. Instead of dismissing these concerns, this time the President ought to dismiss Secretary O'Leary.

FULL FUNDING FOR LIHEAP

(Mr. MOAKLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, winters in Massachusetts can get pretty cold. This Sunday, with the windchill, it went down to below zero—and we're not even half way into December.

These low temperatures mean that a lot of homes can get dangerously cold

in the winter—especially if families have trouble paying high heating bills.

That's why the Home Energy Assistance Program, known as LIHEAP, is so important and that's why 180 of my colleagues and I are going to do everything we can to make sure it isn't eliminated. We've written a letter asking for full funding for LIHEAP.

Mr. Speaker, I would tell my colleagues who may vote to kill LIHEAP—It's cold out there. The rich don't need another tax break. Please keep the heat on.

PROTECT THE FUTURE—SUPPORT THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Dallas Cowboys are losing and the American people are also losing as long as our President puts his priority on spending. The simple truth remains: The President is against a balanced budget because he wants to spend more taxpayer dollars to expand the size and scope of the Government.

The proof is in the details. The President's first and second budgets would leave huge deficits. The President's third budget spends an additional \$400 billion, does not balance, and raises your taxes.

Our President is still the same old tax and spend liberal.

That's why House Republicans are standing firm for a balanced budget that ends deficit spending and preserves America's future. A budget that ensures prosperity, ensures stability, and ensures freedom for all Americans. Protect the future—support the Republican balanced budget.

DONALD EUGENE WEBB SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE

(Mr. KLINK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, 15 years ago last Monday I was a young television reporter in a small town called Saxonburg, PA, which now happens to be in my congressional district. I was there because in the middle of the afternoon the police chief in that small town, Gregory Adams, was murdered. He was beaten and he was shot with his own gun; and today the perpetrator of that heinous crime remains free.

His name is Donald Eugene Webb, and he is either in the enviable or unenviable position of being on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list a record amount of times. In 15 years neither the FBI nor any other law enforcement agency has seen Donald Eugene Webb, even though the full efforts of the Pennsylvania State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been extended.

Webb has been named fugitive of the week by Pennsylvania Crime Stoppers.

His story has been told on "America's Most Wanted," on "Unsolved Mysteries," and no one who has seen any of these shows has seen Donald Eugene Webb.

Mr. Webb's family, including two sons who were infants and who are now young teenage men, deserve an answer. His widow has since remarried and deserves an answer. The people of Saxonburg, PA, and all of law enforcement deserve to have an answer, and deserve to have Donald Eugene Webb brought to justice.

SAVE THE AMERICAN DREAM

(Mr. KNOLLENBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, while there are some significant differences between the Republican Balanced Budget Act of 1995 and President Clinton's unbalanced budget act of 1995, both sides in the debate agree that we should spend significantly more on Medicare each year.

Now, the difference between the increased spending in President Clinton's budget and our budget over the next 7 years is, get this, less than 2 percent. So where is the fight?

Under the Republican budget, Medicare spending grows from \$178 billion to \$289 billion by the year 2002, and spending per senior grows from \$4,800 to \$7,100 by the year 2002.

Under the President's budget, Medicare spending starts out at \$178 billion, just like under the Republican plan, and increases to \$294 billion by the year 2002. Spending per senior citizen increases from \$4,800, again just like the Republican budget, up to \$7,245, a pinch less than 2 percent over the Republican plan. So again I ask, where is the beef? Where is the problem?

Mr. Speaker, it is time that the President stop using imaginary Medicare spending cuts as an excuse for not balancing this budget. It is time for him to help the Republican majority put our House in order and save the American dream for the next generation.

TAXES, TAXES, TAXES

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, how can America be bankrupt? There are airport taxes, highway taxes, excise taxes, estate taxes, gas taxes, property taxes, income taxes, sales taxes, luxury taxes, nanny taxes, old taxes, new taxes, hidden taxes, inheritance taxes; there is even now a tax called a sin tax. I say to my colleagues, no wonder the American people are taxed off.

The truth is that Congress as a Congress that taxes everything ultimately will tax freedom and will not balance anything. What is next? A budget tax?

Is it any wonder that the American people are saying, kiss my taxes?

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. I yield back the balance of my taxes.

THREE BUDGETS FOR CONGRESS

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, the third time is a charm, right? Well, not for this President. Last week he tried, once again, to lay out a balanced budget plan. Unfortunately, the President missed the mark by well, \$400 billion.

The simple fact is, the only budget proposal proposed thus far that balances the budget in 7 years, cuts taxes for working families, saves Medicare from bankruptcy, and reforms welfare is the Balanced Budget Act of 1995 which President Clinton vetoed last week.

The President has now presented three budgets to Congress, well, one budget and two sets of talking points; yet none of them comes into balance.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for the President to keep the promise he made 23 days ago: Balance the budget in 7 years using honest numbers. There is only one person standing between the American people and a balanced budget, and that one person is Bill Clinton.

COUNTDOWN TO SHUTDOWN

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, this is day four of the countdown to shutdown. It no longer looks as if shutdown lies ahead for the Federal Government. A CR until January sometime is more likely. For the District of Columbia, a CR is only marginally better than a shutdown.

Mr. Speaker, you cannot run a complicated city on a month-to-month basis. It makes it almost impossible to make rational management and financial decisions.

Thanks to a bipartisan bill, the D.C. Fiscal Protection Act, D.C. may be spared this new atrocity; the subcommittee will mark up a bill tomorrow. The full committee has waived jurisdiction, indicating how important it is to allow the District of Columbia to spend its own money. Yes, its own money; 85 percent of the money in our appropriation is raised from District taxpayers.

Community leaders representing those taxpayers met with me in a town meeting last night. They are the innocent bystanders. They say that there could be no greater waste than forcing the District to pay employees on a CR basis. Free the D.C. 85 percent.

DO NOT BALANCE THE BUDGET ON BACKS OF SENIOR CITIZENS

(Mr. STUPAK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1